SC status to carpenters of H.P.

†729. SHRI KRIPAL RARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent upon the reconstitution of the State and inclusion of some parts of Punjab in Himachal Pradesh, the Members of Parliament, representatives of the people and the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh have requested to eliminate ongoing discrepancy between *Tarkhan* (carpenter) and *Luhars* settled in new areas and to announce the *Tarkhan* Community as the Scheduled Castes like *Luhars;*

(b) if so, when the request was made and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Resolution passed by Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha was received in May 1999, recommending therein inclusion of Tarkhan in the list of Scheduled Castes in the entire State of Himachal Pradesh. Subsequently, some Members of Parliament also reiterated the proposal.

(c) The proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh to include Tarkhan in the list of Scheduled Castes in Himachal Pradesh was processed in accordance with the approved modalities and since the National Commission for Scheduled Castes did not agree to the proposal of the State Government, the same was rejected.

Employment to disabled persons

730. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons who have been provided with employment by the Central and State Government agencies and PSUs during 2000 to 2004 as mandated by the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and full Participation) Act, 1995; and

(b) the steps taken by the State Government and the Commission of Persons with Disabilities to ensure implementation of the reservation in Government jobs as provided in the Act?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation in employment in the establishment of Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings against posts indentified as suitable for persons with disabilities. The status of reservation of persons with disabilities in the establishments of Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings, as per the latest information available, is given below:

As on 1.1.2000

Group of Posts	Total strength of the cadre	Number of posts in identified category	No. of persons with disabilities actually employed	% w.r.t. identified posts
A	57,643	4,305	134	3.07
B	73,851	4,652	205	4.41
C	16,07,243	1,67,863	6,307	3.76
D	9,60,025	1,04,578	3,329	3.18
Total	26,98,762	2,81,398	9,975	3.60

The position of PSUs numbering 237 as on 7.1.2002 is given below:

Group of Posts	Total sanctioned strength	Total sanctioned strength of the staff in identified posts	No. of persons with disabilities actually employed	% w.r.t. identified posts
A	2,04,127	18,244	508	2.78
B	1,75,159	14,350	1226	8.54
C	10,13,917	89,789	4,525	5.04
D	4,35,328	56,615	3,819	6.75
Total	18,28,531	1,78,998	10,078	5.63

The information regarding status of reservation in the States/Union Territories is maintained by the concerned State Government/U.T. Administration.

The Central Government has appointed a Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities whose functions *inter-alia* include ensuring implementation of reservation policy in the Government. Similar institution exists in the States and Union Territories.

Financial assistance to NGOs for welfare of handicapped persons

731. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to voluntary organisations and NGOs working in the field of handicapped welfare during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether any effective monitoring is being done to see that the public money is being utilised for the *bona fide* purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken against the Voluntary Organisations/NGOs who have not utilized the money for the bona *fide* purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) State-wise Year-wise financial assistance provided to voluntary organisations and NGOs under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme and ADIP Scheme during the last three years has been given in the Statements (See below). The NGO wise details are available on the website of this Ministry-www.socialjustice.nic.in

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Proper and effective monitoring is done through the audited accounts, utilisation certificates, beneficiaries list, staff list, half yearly and annual progress reports on the implementation of the projects, etc. obtained from the NGOs and annual inspection reports form the concerned State Governments/designated inspection agencies, to ensure the proper utilisation of funds for the purpose for which it was given and effective implementation of the projects.

(d) Two NGOs have been blacklisted and further grant to four NGOs has been stopped during the last three years.